FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. S. 1015

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Service Member in Civil Proceedings

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1015 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 15-1-340 which provides that a service member, who is entitled to a stay in a civil proceeding as outlined in the Service Members Civil Relief Act, may elect to proceed under certain circumstances and provide evidence through certain electronic means.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department indicates this legislation will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which that agency can absorb at the current level of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

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None.

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